CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A computer system for facilitating legal services between a legal entity and a client, said system comprising:

a first user station operable by a client for communicating a first set of client need information;

a second user station operable a by a legal entity for communicating a set of legal entity advice information, said second user station being remote from said first user station;

an intermediary server being configured for remote operation with said first user station and said second user station; and

at least one database interconnected with said intermediary server; said database having a data structure for storage of said client need information and legal advice information.

2. The computer system of claim 1, wherein said first user station includes a program interface adapted for the display and selection of legal services.

3. The computer system of claim 1, wherein said second user station includes a program interface adapted for the creation of electronic legal forms having a data field template; and wherein said database includes a data structure for storage of said electronic legal forms.

4. The computer system of claim 1, wherein said second user station includes a program interface adapted for the creation of navigation path records.

5. The computer system of claim 1, wherein said first user station includes a program interface adapted for the search and retrieval of legal topic information from said database.

6.   A computer system for facilitating legal services between a legal entity and a client, said system comprising:

a storage device;

a processor remotely connected to said storage device; and

said processor operative with a client program adapted to receive a client identifier; which displays a list of one or more legal services, and receives requests for said one or more legal services.

7.   The computer system of claim 6, further comprising an electronic forms module adapted to display one or more electronic forms having a data field template; wherein said storage device is a database having a data structure adapted for storage of said electronic forms.

8.   The computer system of claim 6, further comprising a notification module adapted to generate electronic notification to a legal entity of said requested legal service.

9.   The computer system of claim 6, further comprising a legal entity module adapted for customization of a web site navigation path; wherein said storage device is a database having a data structure adapted for storage of said web site navigation path.

10.   A computer system for facilitating legal services between a legal entity and a client, said system comprising:

a verification module adapted for receipt of a client identifier from a client and authentication of said client identifier;

a legal services module adapted for display of one or more available legal services and receipt of selection of said one or more legal services; and

a database for storage of a client selection of said one or more legal services.

11.   The computer system of claim 10, further comprising a payment module for receipt of payment information from said client.

12.   The computer system of claim 10, further comprising a legal topical search module adapted for search and display of legal topical information from said database.

13.   The computer system of claim 10, further comprising a legal forms module for presentation of one or more electronic legal forms to said client, said one or more electronic legal forms adapted for entry of data by said client.

14.   The computer system of claim 13, wherein said legal forms module is adapted for storage of said client-entered data onto said database.

15.   The computer system of claim 10, further comprising a navigation configuration module adapted for customization of a web site navigation path.

16.   A computer-implemented method for performing legal services for clients over a network, said method comprising the steps of:

provising an interactive legal services system, including a client program interface operable by a client, an legal entity program interface operable by a legal entity, wherein said client program interface is remotely operable from said attorney program interface, an intermediary server being configured for remote operation with said client program interface and said attorney program interface, and at least one database interconnected with said intermediary server;

at said client program interface, receiving an access identifier; and

at said intermediary server, authenticating said access identifier.

17.   The computer-implemented method of claim 16, wherein the step of performing a legal service comprises the steps of:

at the client program interface, displaying a list of one or more available legal services,

receiving a selection of said one or more available legal services from said client, and performing a legal service by said legal entity for said client.

18.   The computer-implemented method of claim 17, wherein the step of performing a legal service comprises the steps of:

displaying a legal form to said client, said legal form having data fields for collection of information from said client;

receiving into said data fields, one or more client-specific data;

storing said one or more client-specific data into said database, said database having a data structure adapted for storing said one or more client-specific data; and

reviewing said one or more client specific data by said legal entity.

19.   The computer-implemented method of claim 17, wherein the step of performing a legal service comprises the steps of:

entering by said client into said client program interface an inquiry about a legal matter, wherein said inquiry is directed to said legal entity;

storing said inquiry into said database, said database having a data structure adapted for storing said inquiry;

remotely retrieving by said legal entity via said legal entity program interface, said inquiry from said database;

entering an answer responsive to said inquiry, by said attorney;

storing said answer into said database, said database having a data structure adapted for storing said answer; and

remotely retrieving interface by said answer via said client program.

20.   The computer-implemented method of claim 16, further comprising the steps of:

at the client program interface, presenting to said client a list of legal topics, said list being retrieved from said database; and

in response to a selection of a legal topic by said client, presenting to said client said legal information associated with said legal topic.

21.   A computer-implemented method for performing legal services for clients over a network, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving an access identifier from a client into a program interface; authenticating said access identifier;

displaying to said client, a list of one or more available legal services;

receiving a selection of said one or more available legal services from said client; and

performing a legal service by a legal entity for said client.

22.   The computer-implemented method of claim 21, wherein the step of performing a legal service for client comprises the steps of:

prompting said client to enter Will-specific data;

receiving Will-specific data from said client into a program interface;

transmitting Will data to said legal entity for review; and

creating a Will form for execution and attestation by said client.

23.   The computer-implemented method of claim 21, wherein the step of performing a legal service for clients over a network comprises the steps of:

displaying a legal form to said client, said legal form having data fields for collection of information from said client;

receiving into said data field, one or more client specific data; and

storing said one or more client-specific data into a database adapted for storing said one or more client-specific data.

24.   The computer-implemented method of claim 23, further comprising the step of:

displaying client-specific data to said legal entity for review.

25.   The computer-implemented method of claim 21, further comprising the step of

providing payment to legal entity for rendering of said legal services.

26. A computer-implemented method for performing legal services for clients over a network, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving an access identifier from a client into a program interface; authenticating said access identifier;

displaying one or more collection of case information, said case information being referenced to said client identifier;

receiving a selection of said one or more collection of case information; and

responsive to said selection, displaying specific client case matter information.

27. The computer-implemented method of claim 26, wherein said client case matter information includes client billing information.

28. The computer-implemented method of claim 26, wherein said client case matter information includes billing and payment schedule.

29. The computer-implemented method of claim 26, wherein said client case matter information includes time sheets identifying time worked by a legal entity.

30. The computer-implemented method of claim 26, wherein said client case matter information includes a schedule of court dates for a case.

31.   A computer-implemented method for performing legal services for clients over a network, said method comprising the steps of:

      drafting an electronic legal form, said electronic form having a data field template;

      storing said electronic legal form and said data field template into a database;

      displaying said electronic legal form and data field template from said database to a client; and

      receiving client-specific data into said data field template by said client.

32.   The computer-implemented method of claim 31, wherein the step of drafting an electronic legal form comprises the steps of:

      creating textual information for presentation to said client on said electronic form; and

      selecting data fields for receipt of said client-specific data.

33.   The computer-implemented method of claim 31, further comprising the step of storing said client-specific data into said database

34.   The computer-implemented method of claim 33, further comprising the step of retrieving said stored client-specific data from said database and displaying said retrieved client-specific data to a legal entity for review.

35.   The computer-implemented method of claim 31, further comprising the step of assigning a category to said electronic legal form.

36.   A computer-implemented method for performing legal services for clients over a network, said method comprising the steps of:

     entering a name for a legal topic into a program interface;

     associating a tag identifier to said legal topic;

     entering legal information pertaining to said legal topic into said program interface;

     storing said legal information onto a database, said database being adapted for storage of said name and said legal tag identifier in association with said legal information.

37.   The computer-implemented method of claim 36, further comprising the step of:

     dynamically presenting to a client a list of legal topics, said list being retrieved from said database; and

     in response to a selection of a legal topic by said client, presenting to said client said legal information associated with said legal topic.

38.   The computer-implemented method of claim 36, further comprising the step of:

     providing a legal topic search interface to said client, said search interface being adapted for searching said legal information by said legal topic.

39.   The computer-implemented method of claim 36, further comprising the step of:

     providing a legal topic search interface to said client, said search interface being adapted for searching said legal information by said tag identifier.

40.   The computer-implemented method of claim 36, further comprising the steps of:

     storing onto said database a number of hits regarding said legal topics selected by said client; and

     reporting said number of hits regarding said legal topics to said legal entity.

41.   A computer-implemented method for performing legal services for clients over a network, said method comprising the steps of:

creating one or more navigation path records;

storing said one or more navigation paths onto a database, said database having a data structure adapted for storing said one or more navigation path records; and

dynamically displaying the navigation path records to a client.

42.   The computer-implemented method of claim 41, said method further comprising the step of:

in response to a selection of said displayed navigation path record, directing a user to a static web page, wherein said navigation path record includes a link to identifier, and said link to identifier is a URL address of said static web page.

43.   The computer-implemented method of claim 41, said method further comprising the step of:

dynamically displaying a legal topic in response to a selection of said displayed navigation path record, wherein said navigation path record includes a link to identifier, and said link to identifier is equal to a tag identifier, said tag identifier being associated with said legal topic.

44.   The computer-implemented method of claim 41, said method further comprising the step of:

dynamically displaying an electronic form in response to a selection of said displayed navigation path record, wherein said navigation path record includes a link to identifier, and said link to identifier is equal to an electronic form name, said electronic form name being associated with said electronic form.

45.   The computer-implemented method of claim 41, wherein said one or more navigation path records includes a page name, a description, a link to identifier and a page type.